

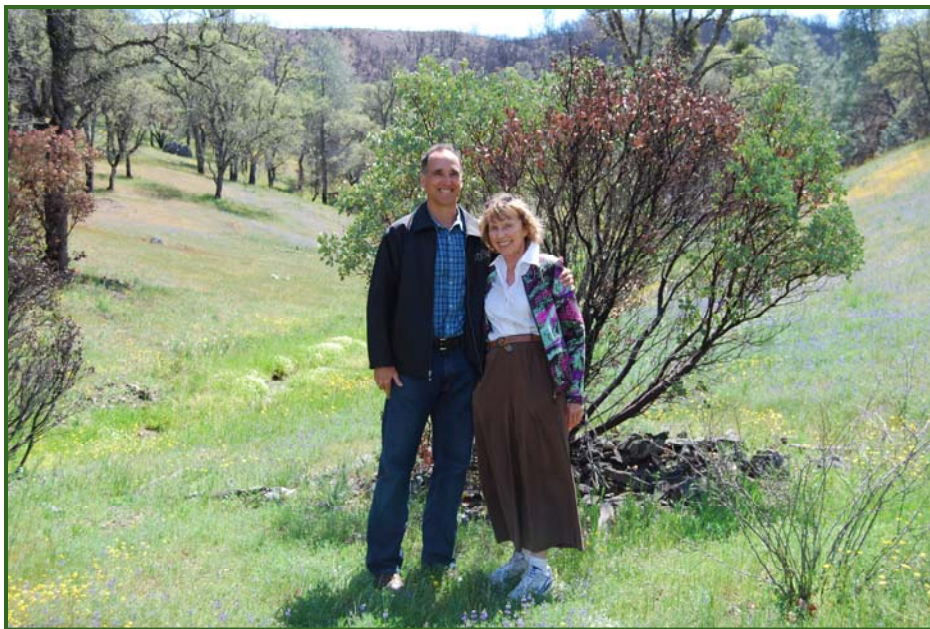
# The Ponderosa

The Pine Ridge Association Newsletter  
Henry W. Coe State Park

## Winnifred Coe Verbica, March 5, 1935 – March 31, 2013

Winnifred Coe Verbica, granddaughter of Henry W. Coe, passed away Sunday, March 31, 2013 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. A native of San Jose, California, she lived most of her life on the family home ranch in the San Felipe Valley. She loved to visit Coe Park with friends, her children, and grandchildren. Services were held Saturday, April 13 at Los Gatos Christian Church. Memorial gifts may be made to the Pine Ridge Association or to Africa Inland Mission USA ([www.aimint.org](http://www.aimint.org)). See also an obituary in the San Jose Mercury News:

[http://www.mercurynews.com/science/ci\\_23015309/winnifred-coe-verbica-granddaughter-pioneer-rancher-and-state](http://www.mercurynews.com/science/ci_23015309/winnifred-coe-verbica-granddaughter-pioneer-rancher-and-state)



Winnifred and her son Peter. The rock pile they are standing in front of is all that remains of her grandfather's homestead cabin at Cold Flat (not in the park); the rocks were once the mud-mortared chimney.

Photo by Teddy Goodrich.

Photograph courtesy of the Henry W. Coe historic photo collection.



## Late Spring 2013

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# Volunteer Outing to Robison Canyon

By Libby Vincent

It's been too long since we offered PRA volunteers the possibility of driving out to the Orestimba Wilderness to discover and explore and enjoy this remote and beautiful part of the park. I enjoyed my first outing there in 1992, just before I graduated from the volunteer program, when Lee Sims organized us to hike most of the 14-mile Robison Canyon-Red Creek loop. There have since been a few opportunities to visit the area, most recently when Ranger John led an outing a while ago to hike Rooster Comb Trail, Robison Mountain Trail, cross-country to Snodgrass Trail, and back down to Red Creek. But now it was time to get volunteers out to the area again, this time to visit Robison Canyon to enjoy the park's only population of redbud in bloom and see Barry's Bathtub in Pinto Creek, just above its confluence with Robison Creek.



Redbud in bloom. Photo by Sue Dekalb.

The very special treat this time was that we had been incredibly fortunate to get permission from Jerry and Scott Wilkinson, owners of the Rooster Comb Ranch, to drive through the ranch get to the confluence of Robison Creek and Orestimba Creek. Without that access it's a much longer walk to get to Robison Canyon, but from where we were able to park the walk up the canyon from Orestimba Creek is around two miles. The walk is somewhat rough but gently uphill and most volunteers would have no difficulty making it.



Although it's been a very dry spring, weather was iffy in the days leading up to the Saturday planned for the outing, March 30th. There was a great response from volunteers of all interests—hikers, backpackers, horse people, mountain bikers, those who help out at events and staff the visitor center—and we all had our fingers crossed that the outing would happen. Ranger Cameron Bowers was watching the weather closely and knows it well so I was totally trusting of his call to either go ahead or cancel. It was a cliff hanger until the last moment, but no alert from Cameron on the Friday, lots of emails confirming the outing was a go, and we went ahead on a dry, mild day to meet at the Dowdy and set off into the park by 8:00am.

Led by Cameron, 38 people in 13 vehicles drove north along Kaiser-Aetna Road and then Orestimba Creek Road to our destination. The drive was gorgeous, a great opportunity for so many

Pinto Creek flowing into Barry's Bathtub.  
Photo by Paul Liebenberg.

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## Volunteer Outing to Robison Canyon, Continued....

people to enjoy the east side of the park, the creek pooling in places but no problems getting through all the way. We traversed the Rooster Comb Ranch with no incidents, thanking Jerry and Scott every yard we drove, and parked in a huddle on Orestimba Creek Road close to the gate at the northeast corner of the park.

We set off up Robison Canyon at varying speeds, some racing ahead and some of us strolling. We heard Robison Falls below the road and saw there the first redbud in bloom; what a wonderful sight! The old 4WD road soon disappears into a faint track that crisscrosses the creek but there was no confusion about which way to go; the canyon channeled us forward to where it opens out into a wide meadow. Before the Lick fire there had been a glorious cluster of redbud along the south side of the canyon but they were pretty much burned out by the fire; we found a couple stump sprouting and blooming and Chris Weske later found a seedling nearby. Also missing are the huge gray pines in that wide meadow that are mostly burned and down now, providing nice benches where we sat and enjoyed lunch.



Chere Bargar and redbud in bloom.  
Photo by Colleen Combes.

Some of us scrambled up the creek to Barry's Bathtub, which was full and clear and water flowing, a stunning sight. Some also headed up the Pinto Creek Trail to the top of the falls above Barry's Bathtub and enjoyed the panoramas from there. Some took off to hike up to the west end of Robison Canyon to see the lay of the land there. Hopefully, another time we'll be able to offer the possibility of hiking over the gentle ridge and down to Red Creek to return to the vehicles that way, but it was a thrill for everyone to see as much as we did that day.

Back to the vehicles for cold sodas and treats and then the long drive back to the Dowdy, enjoying once again the privilege of crossing the Rooster Comb Ranch, and soaking up sights and sounds of the park every mile of the way. A couple of vehicles needed some help getting across a particularly rough creek crossing but we all made it back to the Dowdy unscathed after a day filled with adventures. That evening, we saw black clouds covering the area to the north of Highway 152 and got a little rain driving home. In Robison Canyon there was very likely rain, thunder, and lightning and I don't even want to think how that weather would have affected our visit. The weather gods were surely smiling on us by holding back the downpour until we were safely gone.

It may be a while before we can get out to Robison Canyon again but all of us who did on this occasion will treasure memories of another fine day in Coe Park.

# PRA Annual Meeting

By Barbara Bessey

The annual meeting of the Pine Ridge Association was held in Morgan Hill on February 2nd, 2013.

## Board of the Pine Ridge Association

PRA board president Diana Goodwin opened the meeting, introduced the members of the board of directors, and reported on the results of the election of officers. The officers and members of the board for 2013 are:

Diana Goodwin, president  
Ron Erskine, vice president  
Steve McHenry, secretary  
Dan McCranie, treasurer  
Dan Benefiel  
Ken Howell  
Cynthia Leeder  
Paul Liebenberg  
Jim Wright (chair of the uniformed volunteer committee)

- Dan presented the preliminary treasurer's report for 2012. Income for the calendar year was \$98,333; this was down from the \$113,585 that was recorded for 2011. A major reason for the change was that individual donations were smaller as they were targeted for the Coe Park Preservation Fund. However, dues to the PRA increased more than \$1,800 to \$8,330. Operational expenses for 2012 were higher than in 2011, due in part to the new website development, purchases of computer equipment, and increases in insurance coverage. In 2012, the decision was made to transfer funds to the Coe Park Preservation Fund, which then made a significant contribution to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) in an effort to keep Coe Park open. The first year's donation of \$279,000 to the DPR in May 2012 included funds previously allocated to the visitor center expansion fund, other PRA funds, and generous individual donations. The PRA balance sheet remains strong, with total assets of \$356,981.
- Libby Vincent reported on the achievements of the Coe Park Preservation Fund. In December 2012 Libby, Ann Briggs, Winslow Briggs, and Ron Fischler met in Sacramento with the recently appointed DPR Director Major General Anthony Jackson. Ann and Major General Jackson signed a Donation Agreement between the Coe Park Preservation Fund and the DPR, which allows Coe Park to remain open with full staffing for fiscal years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014; since there is no budgetary information available yet for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 fiscal years, DPR is unable to guarantee full staffing, but it seemed clear that their intentions were to do their best to keep full funding for Coe Park through June 2016.
- Dan announced that he is planning to step down as treasurer in May 2013. Anyone interested in taking on the role of treasurer was encouraged to apply; it would be great if there could be some overlap between Dan and the new treasurer.
- The board thanked Eddie Guaracha, Sector Superintendent who has been at Coe Park since 2007, for all his efforts and hard work over the past six years. Eddie has been promoted to District Superintendent of the Northern Buttes District and will be leaving Coe Park and the Gavilan Sector of the Monterey District in March. Eddie thanked all volunteers for their financial support as well as the countless hours of volunteering to support the park and its visitors.
- The Chief Deputy Director of DPR, Aaron Robertson, then took questions about what happened last summer when the more than \$50 million that were buried in the DPR budget were discovered. Some of the outcomes of that discovery will be new audit procedures and fiscal controls. Chief Deputy Director Robertson spoke emphatically about the desire on the part of DPR to make transactions more transparent and accountable so that the events of last summer will not happen again.

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## PRA Annual Meeting, Continued.....

### Volunteer Committee Meeting

The meeting of the PRA uniformed volunteers followed, chaired by Jim Wright. The other members of the uniformed volunteer committee were introduced: Liz Brinkman, Ken Howell, Cynthia Leeder, Manny Pitta, and John Thatcher.

There were 15 new volunteers in the fall training class; the total number of uniformed volunteers is now 149 people, who volunteered almost 15,000 hours during the year.

Nine people who served 50 or more hours beyond the training program advanced to full volunteer status:

Christine Amber	Travis Taylor
Brian Deutscher	Dave Waldrop
Ed Martini	James Williams
Kelly Montelaro	Don Wong
Lori Oleson	

One person who had volunteered more than 250 hours, of which at least 100 hours were spent in the visitor center, was promoted to senior volunteer status: John Thatcher.

Forty volunteers received the visitor service award, a special coffee mug featuring a photo of a Coe scene taken by Cynthia Leeder. These volunteers spent 48 or more hours working in the visitor center or on other visitor-related activities during the past year, for example, presenting programs to visitors, or leading hikes, or participating in interpretive events:

Christine Amber	Ken Hulick	Dick Rawson
Chere Bargar	Jodie Keahey	Don Savant
Jim Brady	Linda Keahey	Pat Scharfe
Ann Briggs	Gary Keller	Rosemary Schmidt
Winslow Briggs	Irwin Koff	Lynne Starr
Victor Bubbett	Janet Koff	Carolyn Straub
Thomas Conrad	Cynthia Leeder	Kitty Swindle
Sue Dekalb	Rick Leonard	John Thatcher
Darryl Dubois	Jim Mason	Nancy Valencia
Bill Frazer	Margaret Mary McBride	Bev VanderWeide
Teddy Goodrich	Steve McHenry	Libby Vincent
Sue Harwager	Dave Perrin	Dave Waldrop
Lucy Henderson	Lois Phillips	Bill Workman
Don Holmes		

Fifteen volunteers received special recognition for all the hours they have spent on Coe Park volunteer activities over the years. Between them, they have donated 46,651 hours to the park! Thomas Conrad, Sue Dekalb, Ken Hulick, and Bruce Rideout volunteered at least 1,000 hours of service. Jim Brady and Rick Leonard each volunteered at least 2,000 hours of service. Jodie Keahey, Linda Keahey, Irwin Koff, Janet Koff, Dick Rawson, and Bill Workman volunteered at least 3,000 hours of service. Libby Vincent volunteered more than 5,000 hours of service. Barbara Bessey and Bill Frazer each volunteered more than 7,000 hours of service.

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## Orchids of Coe

The orchid family includes somewhere around 23,000 species and even more hybrids and cultivars. It's one of the world's largest families of flowering plants, being rivaled only by the sunflower family. Most orchids grow in the tropics, and many of them have large, beautiful flowers with intricate designs, bright colors, and elaborate means of pollination.

The four species of orchids that grow in Coe Park are relatively small and plain, but if you take a close look at them, you'll see twinklings of orchid beauty and complexity.

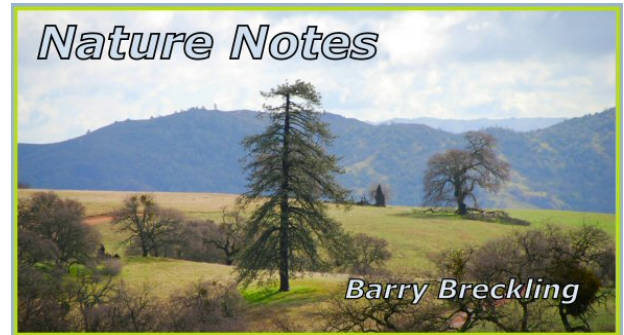
In dry habitats you might find the Alaskan Rein Orchid, *Piperia unalascensis*. Its little ¼-inch pale green flowers grow along an erect stem that's usually about a foot tall. Examine the tiny flowers with your hand lens (or if you have binoculars, flip them over and use them as a sort of microscope). You'll see sepals and petals, the lowest petal forming a "lip." You'll also see a ¼-inch long tubular flower part that points backwards, the flower's "spur," which contains nectar. Some imaginative plant observer in the past decided that the spur resembles the strap used to control a horse's head, a rein in other words. The basal leaves of the plant wither before the flowers bloom. A good place to search for Alaskan Rein Orchids is under manzanitas along the Middle Ridge Trail. Elegant Rein Orchid, *Piperia elegans*, has flowers that are mostly white. It seems to be less common in the park. Both *Piperia* species bloom from May to July.



Rein orchid flowers have a clever way of making sure they get cross-pollinated rather than self-pollinated. Cross pollination is preferable because it results in genetic diversity, which gives a species a better chance of survival in changing conditions. When a rein orchid flower first opens, its lip closes off the area that contains the stigma and blocks access to the nectar in the spur. Insects, likely mosquitoes and small night-flying moths with long proboscises, try to get to the nectar but only end up getting dusted with pollen. Eventually an insect will find a more mature flower on another plant. The anthers on the flower will have dried up, and the lip will have dropped down, providing a nice landing platform. Now the insect has access to the nectar, and in the process of getting a sip, it leaves pollen on the exposed stigma.

A somewhat similar looking orchid of wet areas is Western Ladies' Tresses, *Spiranthes porrifolia*. The genus name *Spiranthes* is Greek for "spiral flowers," describing the way the flowers spiral along the stem. You might also come across Hooded Ladies' Tresses, *Spiranthes ramon-zoffiana*, but keep in mind that the two *Spiranthes* species can be frustratingly difficult to tell apart. Ladies' Tresses grow along the wet gravelly edges of the Middle and East forks of Coyote Creek, and they bloom in June and July.

The largest and least common Coe orchid is the Stream Orchid, *Epipactis gigantea*. It has showy flowers that are about an inch wide. The sepals are green, the petals are reddish with dark red streaks, and the lip is yellow. Stream Orchids grow in masses in wet areas, and they bloom in May and June. They've been found in two locations in the park, at a spring in the Narrows and below the waterfall on Robison Creek.



## A Jackrabbit, a Rattlesnake, and a Gray Fox Walked into a Visitor Center...

By Ranger Jen Naber

For those present at the annual meeting of the Pine Ridge Association in February, you may remember I announced at the time that we had three animals at a taxidermist being preserved for interpretive use. Well, I'm excited to announce that the work has been completed and Coe Park's collection of creatures now includes a jackrabbit, a rattlesnake, and a gray fox. These animals are available for your use in interpretative programs at the park. When they're not being used in interpretive programs, the animals will be on display in the visitor center along with the rest of our taxidermy collection.

If you're interested in using any of the park's collection, please contact either myself or Kaela. I've listed our contact information below.

As always, thank you for all you do to support Coe.

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Photos by Kaela Henricksen





## PRA Annual Meeting, Continued....

A special gold pin with the PRA logo was presented to three people who have participated in the uniformed volunteer program for twenty or more years: Stew Eastman, Jan Jeffers, and Kitty Swindle.

Ranger John Verhoeven presented annual passes to California State Parks to 35 volunteers who had donated 200 hours or more within the past year and to couples whose combined number of hours totaled 200 hours or more. The hours include the time spent by some uniformed volunteers who volunteered time at other state parks, and the time that some non-uniformed individuals volunteered at Coe Park:

Chere Bargar	Don Holmes	Susumo Sasaki
Jim Brady	Ken Howell	Martie Sinclair
Ann Briggs	Ken Hulick	Rob Sinclair
Winslow Briggs	Jodie Keahey	Lynne Starr
Thomas Conrad	Linda Keahey	Dave Stoner
Sue Dekalb	Cynthia Leeder	Kitty Swindle
Ruby Domino	Rick Leonard	Ted Tawshunsky
Laura Dominguez-Yon	Paul Liebenberg	John Thatcher
Bill Frazer	Jim Mason	Libby Vincent
Patrick Goodrich	Steve McHenry	Jim Wright
Teddy Goodrich	Bob Patrie	Dean Yon
Diana Goodwin	J.J. Sasaki	

Ranger John Verhoeven presented free annual passes to State Parks within the Monterey District to 40 volunteers (uniformed and non-uniformed) who had donated at least 72 hours but fewer than 200 hours and to families whose combined number of hours totaled between 72 and 200 hours:

Heather Ambler	Gary Keller	Bruce Rideout
Dan Benefiel	Irwin Koff	Rosemary Rideout
Jesse Benefiel	Janet Koff	Don Savant
Liz Brinkman	Greg Lee	Pat Scharfe
Victor Bubbett	Margaret Mary McBride	Greg Scott
Dale Combs	Mike Meyer	Heike Stabenow
Darryl Dubois	Lori Oleson	Rainer Stabenow
Ron Fischler	Sam Parker	Phillip Strenfel
Paul Gillot	Matt Pauly	Jim Swartz
Rob Glover	David Perrin	George Van Gorden
Sue Harwager	Lois Phillips	Bev VanderWeide
Judy Hayamizu	Manny Pitta	Chris Weske
Ralph Johnson	Karen Pogue	Bill Workman
Chris Kangas		

### Golden Bear Award

The uniformed volunteer committee's Golden Bear Award for exceptional service was given to Rick Leonard. Rick joined the volunteer program in 2004. He has worked on many association activities including: serving on the uniformed volunteer committee for a number of years, serving as the coordinator of the TarantulaFest for many years, and checking the schedule of volunteers staffing the visitor center and showing up at the visitor center to help if there are not many volunteers signed up on a particular day. He has volunteered more than 2,000 hours in the park, of which more than 1,000 hours were spent working in the visitor center. He volunteered more than 400 hours in the visitor center during the past year.

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## Volunteer of the Year Award

The PRA volunteer-of-the-year award is given to people who have contributed outstanding work in furthering the mission of the association in preserving and enriching Coe Park. This year's award went to Thomas Conrad and Sue Dekalb. Tom joined the uniformed volunteer program in 2010 and has volunteered more than 1,100 hours. Sue joined the uniformed volunteer program in 2012 and has donated more than 1,300 hours to the park. Both made outstanding contributions to helping with the signage at Hunting Hollow and the refurbishment of the visitor center, especially the parlor. Due to circumstances beyond their control, the floors in the visitor center needed to be sanded and stained multiple times, but Tom and Sue remained cheerful and optimistic throughout this process.

The guest speaker was Alacia Welch, Crew Leader, California Condor Recovery Program, Pinnacles National Monument. Alacia gave a fascinating presentation on "Recovering a Population: California Condors Back from the Brink" about her team's work to release condors into the wild and monitor their survival and progress. Many thanks, Alacia! We really appreciate your making the time to talk to us about the results of this outstanding program.

A delicious hot lunch was provided at the end of the meeting. Many thanks to the volunteers who worked hard in the kitchen preparing everything.

Congratulations to everyone!



Sue Dekalb and Tom Conrad receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award from Supervising Ranger Stuart Organo.

Photo by Dick Rawson.



Rick Leonard receiving the Golden Bear Award from Ranger John Verhoeven.

Photo by Dick Rawson.



## News from Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs

By Laura Dominguez-Yon

It's official: our name has changed. Friends of Gilroy Hot Springs is now the Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs Association (GYHSA). We're updating the website ([GilroyYamatoHotSpringsAssociation.org](http://GilroyYamatoHotSpringsAssociation.org)), and reorganizing.

While we still operate under the Pine Ridge Association, your donations are tax deductible. All our activities are overseen by the Gavilan Sector Superintendent and his colleagues in the Monterey District of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Our mission remains the same: to protect, preserve, and restore public access to Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs, an area of Henry W. Coe State Park which is historically rich in cultural diversity. Guided tours continue monthly, subject to public demand and availability of docents.

Full moon campouts serve to deter vandalism. At this time, the campouts are limited to approved park volunteers.

Volunteer work days may correspond with full moon campouts. Work is limited to general clearance of overgrowth from roads, and may include undergrowth control or fence repair, requiring work gloves, gardening tools, and pliers.

If you are interested in a guided tour, campout, or volunteer work days, contact us at [info@gilroyyamatohotsprings.org](mailto:info@gilroyyamatohotsprings.org) or 408-314-7185.

### **Gilroy Hot Springs Hotel Rises from the Ashes 33 Years Later**

Miniature model enthusiast and GYHSA volunteer Gael Troughton excitedly reports that, after two years of tenacity and detailed research, she has created a first draft model of the hotel's main structure, which measures eight inches square and has about a hundred pieces so far. The model still needs some refining then the kit will be available for sale through Moke River Models.

### **Restoration of the Minnesota Cabin Continues**

Cement was poured into eight-foot deep holes to stabilize the cabin's foundation. The first challenge was to dig the holes on the slope under the cabin. Next was building the wooden frame around the cabin base for more cement. Since the full truckload of cement was too heavy to cross the bridge across Coyote Creek the cement was pumped across to a smaller truck, then taken up to the cabin in two loads. The contractor planned carefully, worked skillfully, and guided volunteers for successful results. With the foundation in place, the cabin was lowered, the skirt rebuilt, then on to the next parts: walls, floor, windows, doors, and roof.

### **Future projects**

District Historian Matt Bischoff reports receiving a fully funded grant for the Texas cabin restoration. The project has been approved and is waiting for the go-ahead from Sacramento. Great work, Matt!

Our next challenge is to fund the restoration of the mineral well and baths, and the Pennsylvania cabin.



## Park Events and Information

Mark your calendars—important dates and other announcements

Also see the Coe Activity Calendar at <http://www.coepark.org/calendar.html>

### Annual park events coming up

#### Hunting Hollow 5K/10K walk and fun run

Saturday June 8, you can register for this fun event at [www.coepark.org](http://www.coepark.org) and download an entry form. For more information email [kfhowell@pacbell.net](mailto:kfhowell@pacbell.net).

#### June Bloom, Hunting Hollow

This event will take place on Saturday June 15, 22, or 29 (one of these dates only), depending on when the wavy-leaf soap plant decides to bloom. The hike will start at 6.45pm so we can enjoy these beautiful night-blooming flowers. Check [www.coepark.org](http://www.coepark.org), upcoming events, as the date gets closer to learn the actual date. For more information, please call Chere at 408-683-2247 or Kitty at 408-842-6215.

### Early Days at San Juan Bautista State Park

Father's Day Weekend

Saturday, June 15th and Sunday, June 16th, 2013

11 am until 4 pm.

Bring the family and enjoy a look at yesterday as costumed docents bring the past into the present. Meet the people of early California including miners, mountain men, Civil War soldiers, and Victorian ladies. See craft and cooking demonstrations. Ride in a horse drawn wagon. Drink an old-fashioned soda or play cards in the saloon.

The park is located on Second Street, between Washington and Mariposa Streets, in the city of San Juan Bautista, 3 miles east of Highway 101, 7 miles west of Hollister, 15 minutes south of Gilroy. Free parking is available on city streets.

Admission:

Adults \$3.00

Sixteen and under free

Wagon rides and sodas are additional

For more information, please call 831-623-4881.



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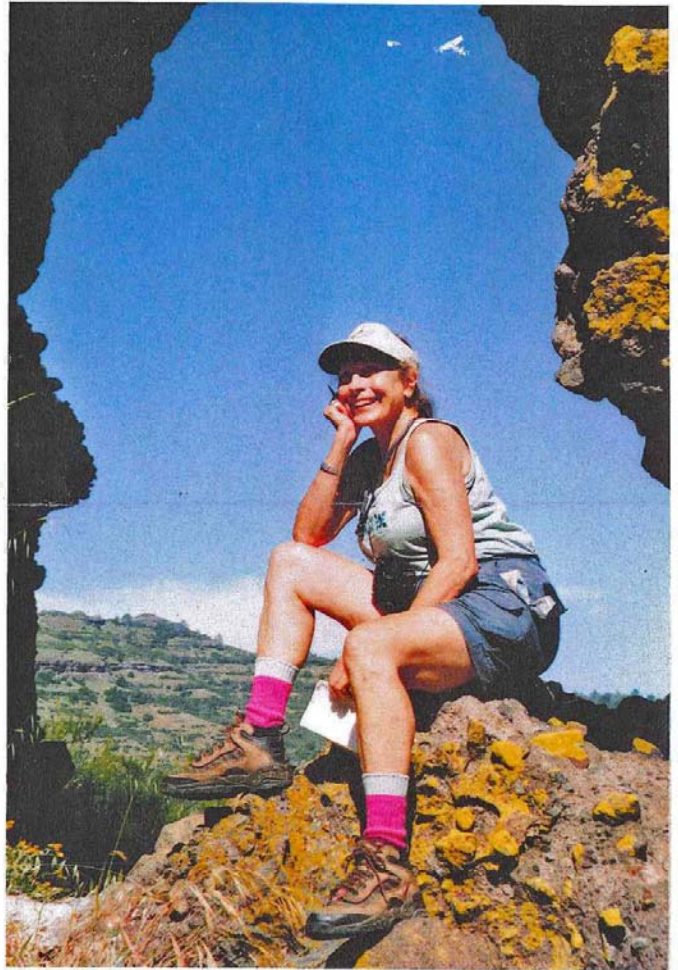
Enclosed is a check for my donation in memory of my long time hiking buddy Azz Azzarello who volunteered at Coe for many years before moving to the Sierra Foothills.

AZZ was an unforgettable character. Last time I visited Coe, a tall male Ranger clearly remembered her. I would be so very grateful if you could let other volunteers, and also the Rangers, know of her passing, in case there are people in one of those categories who still remember her. She lost a long, hard battle with cancer last mo. after several years of fighting an incredibly valient fight.

I know shed appreciate the ongoing work you continue to do. Keep it up! And live each day the way she did, sucking all of the juice out of it.

Azz's friend,

Norma Jean



Arlene ("Azz") Azzarello  
A volunteer at Henry Coe for  
many years



## New! Two Water Tanks for Visitors

Eric Griggs has just installed two 500-gallon water tanks, one at the junction of Manzanita Point Road and Poverty Flat Road and one at the junction of the Madrone Soda Springs Trail, the China Hole Trail, and the Manzanita Point Road. The PRA board agreed to fund the purchase of the tanks last year and Eric has just installed them on wooden platforms set on concrete supports at these two busy trail intersections. Be sure to tell people about them, and mention that the water is potable; Eric is working out the wrinkles to have the signage added but until that's in place visitors need to know. Having that water available will save park staff lots of trips to help dehydrated visitors, especially with the weather warming.



## PRA New Members

**We are pleased to welcome the new members listed below. Thank you for your support.**

We need your help to keep our membership list current and accurate. If you have any questions regarding your membership or to let us know of any change of address, please contact us. If you have chosen to receive *The Ponderosa* electronically and, for some reason, it is undeliverable, we will send the next issue via USPS.

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